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SDPD COMMEMORATES FOUNDING WITH HISTORICAL BADGES

(San Diego) On May 1, 2007, a number of members of the San Diego Police Department will begin wearing an optional historical badge to celebrate the founding of the SDPD on May 9, 1889.

The badges are a mixture of old and new (see photo page 2). Built on a modern, gold oval frame, the centerpiece of the shield has a replica of the first badge SDPD officers wore 118 years ago. The top rocker of the badge will reflect the rank and the number and at the center of the badge will be the officer's issued ID number. At the bottom of the badge is a rocker that reads "Founded May 9, 1889."

These badges will be worn only during the month of May 2007, at which point they will be retired until May of next year.

Those Department members who hold the rank of "Detective Sergeant" have been allowed to have that rank placed on the badge. This marks the first time since the 1930s that such a title has been on a San Diego Police Department badge.

